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den Robb, D. Willis James, Sam'l Sloan and John J. McCook. This committee has issued the following appeal:

The Council of the Scientific Alliance of New York, composed of delegates from the New York Academy of Sciences, the Torrey Botanical Club, the New York Microscopical Society, the Linnæan Society of New York, the New York Mineralogical Club, the New York Section of the American Chemical Society and the New York Entomological Society, is endeavoring to obtain by subscription a fund for the erection of a building for the use of these societies and others joining the Alliance.

The building is needed as a common meeting-place for the societies, which now occupy rooms in various parts of the city, for the housing of their libraries, which are now widely scattered, for a large lecture hall, for laboratories and other rooms for scientific research, and as a central point of influence upon the community.

The scientific societies are about the only agencies of modern culture for which permanent homes have not been provided in the Metropolis. In this respect New York is strangely behind many smaller cities in the United States, and suffers still more in comparison with the great cities of Europe, most of which have creditable buildings devoted to the use of such organizations. As much original scientific research is carried on in the city of New York as in any other city of the United States, and only public encouragement and support of its already very efficient societies are needed to make New York the scientific center of the country.

The Council of the Scientific Alliance has been incorporated by a special act of Legislature, with power to acquire real estate and to receive bequests. It holds as a nucleus for the present undertaking the sum of \$10,000, contributed by Mrs. Esther Herrman, and a number of smaller subscriptions. It is estimated that land can be purchased and a suitable building erected and equipped for the sum of \$500,000, which it is the aim of the Alliance to raise.

The undersigned Committee of Cooperation with the Council commend the undertaking and urge all public-spirited citizens to unite with them in the endeavor to bring it to a speedy realization. Subscriptions will be received by the chairman of the Committee or by any member of the Council.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

In view of the fact that the National Academy of Sciences is about to hold its annual

meeting at which new members are elected, it may be of interest to give the members of the Academy who have died and who have been elected during the past ten years.

<i>Deaths.</i>	<i>Elections.</i>
	1891.
Julius E. Hilgard, John Le Conte, Joseph Leidy, Miers F. Longstreth.	None.
	1892.
T. Sterry Hunt, Joseph Lovering, J. S. Newberry, Lewis M. Rutherford, William P. Trowbridge, Serenio Watson.	Carl Barus, S. F. Emmons, M. Carey Lea.
	1893.
W. H. C. Bartlett, F. A. Genth.	None.
	1894.
Charles E. Brown-Sequard, Josiah P. Cooke.	None.
	1895.
James D. Dana, John Newton, James E. Oliver.	W. L. Elkin, C. S. Sargent, W. H. Welch, C. O. Whitman.
	1896.
Thomas L. Casey, G. Brown Goode, Benjamin A. Gould, H. A. Newton.	C. D. Walcott, R. S. Woodward.
	1897.
E. D. Cope, M. Carey Lea, A. M. Mayer, J. H. Trumbull, F. A. Walker, Theodore Lyman.	W. H. Dall, F. A. Gooch, C. S. Minot, E. W. Morley,
	1898.
James Hall, William A. Rogers.	None.
	1899.
O. C. Marsh.	Charles E. Beecher, Geo. C. Comstock, Theodore W. Richards, Edgar F. Smith, Edmund B. Wilson.
	1900.
James E. Keeler, Fairman Rogers.	Franz Boas, James E. Keeler, H. F. Osborn, Samuel L. Penfield.